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Mary Bono adds more to her list

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Celebrity wife, congress-woman, good Samaritan. Mary Bono's resume is growing.

Mrs. Bono stopped her car last week to help a 10-year-old boy who fell out of a church van. Sonny Bono's widow tended to the injured boy while an aide called for emergency medical help.

"I offered comfort the way any mother would have done, just to keep him from being scared," she said after the Wednesday incident. The boy suffered cuts and bruises, a hospital administrator said.

Mrs. Bono paged the child's father in Los Angeles to notify him and skipped a meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission to drive the boy's brother and pastor to the hospital.



MARY BONO
Misses meeting for boy

Riverside County sheriff's spokesman Mark Lohman said the boy apparently leaned on a door and fell out while the van was turning a corner.

Mrs. Bono, elected to replace her late husband after a fatal skiing accident, faces Democratic challenger Ralph Waite of "The Waltons" fame in the Nov. 3 general election.

Auschwitz survivor dies from hit-and-run

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NEW YORK — A 76-year-old Brooklyn woman who survived the Auschwitz concentration camp died late Friday after being hit by a car near her home, police said. The driver fled in the car.

The woman, Rifka Franzos, was trying to cross Wythe Avenue at Rodney Street in Williamsburg shortly after 9:30 p.m. on Friday, when a red car traveling north on Wythe hit her, said Officer Dennis Laffin, a Police Department spokesman. An investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity said that witnesses described the car as a Ford Thunderbird, though they could not see the driver as the car passed.

Mrs. Franzos later died at Woodhull Medical and Mental

Health Center, Laffin said.

With her husband, Joel, the victim had been a longtime resident of the heavily Jewish Orthodox neighborhood on the edge of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and once owned a bakery on Broadway, neighbors said. Police said the family lived on Ross Street, one block from where Mrs. Franzos was killed as she took a walk on the Jewish Sabbath.

Mrs. Franzos, who was born in Hungary, emigrated to Brooklyn in 1947, family members said, adding that she had been interred in the Auschwitz death camp in Poland during World War II. She met her husband, who was in a labor camp during the war, shortly before they both moved to the United States, family members said.

Franzos opened a bakery on Grand Street in Williamsburg,

while his wife worked as a seamstress in a sweater factory, they said. She worked in the factory, Dan Wall Finishing Co., until her death.

She was on her way to pick up her husband from a relative's house when the car struck her, family members said.

"This was a horrible way for her to go aftersurviving the Holocaust," Phil Franzos, her 45-year-old son, said. 'I'm still in shock. My mother was a very strong, happy person who never complained. She suffered a lot in the war, but you ould never know it by speaking with her.

"She will be dearly missed,' he said. Mrs. Franzos is survived by six children, 41grandchildren ad nine great-grandchildren, Franzos said.

Residents said the intersection where Mrs. Franzosdied was

especiall dangerous because o traffic lights had been installed. "A few months ago, a car came flying around that corner and knocked into my car where it was pared and totaled it," said one man near the scene, who refused to give hi ame becaus of the holy day. "They need to put a ligt over there because people just speed al the time."

Waco murder suspect may have bombing links

WACO, Texas (AP) — A suspect in the murder of a Waco man may have ties to the 1986 bombing of a Berlin nightclub by Libyan terrorists, authorities said.

According to federal court testimony, Sam L. Urick, 57, helped ship 20 tons of plastic explosives, some of which reportedly was used in a bombing attack of a Berlin discotheque that killed two U.S. servicemen and wounded 200 others.

The 1986 bombing led President Ronald Reagan to launch an air attack on Tripoli in retaliation.

Urick's alleged links to the bombing surfaced in the course of a Texas ranger's investigation into the murder of Urick's former son-in-law, Gary Patterson.

Patterson's bludgeoned body was found outside El Paso last week. The 33-year-old draftsman had won custody of his 7-year-old daughter from his ex-wife, Lisa Urick, and authorities believe he was killed in retaliation for that victory.

Patterson last was seen May 3, 1997, when he flew to El Paso on the false promise of a job offer that authorities say was used to lure him to his death.

Texas Ranger Matt Cawthon said he found that two of Urick's known associates were renegade CIA agents Frank Terpil and Edmond Wilson, both of whom were accused of selling arms to foreign terrorists. Terpil is thought to be hiding in Cuba, and Wilson is in federal prison.

Urick reportedly helped hide Terpil and Wilson when they became federal fugitives, Cawthon testified.

At least three U.S. intelligence agencies list Urick as someone "who assisted in the facilitating

of the shipment of explosives to Libya," Cawthon testified in court Monday. Urick's passport included entries from England, Spain, Honduras, Panama and Costa Rica, Cawthon said.

Urick was arrested two weeks ago in Los Angeles and indicted Tuesday in federal court in Waco on a murder-for-hire charge. He faces a possible death sentence and is being held without bond.

Police arrested a suspected accomplice, 47-year-old Theodore Donald Young, two weeks ago in Honduras. Young already was a federal fugitive since he failed to report to prison in February 1995. He was convicted in a \$26 million mail fraud scam in South Carolina and sentenced to serve 51 months in prison.

Young reportedly drew authorities a map to help find Patterson's body at an undeveloped site about 20 miles east of the city.

Police say Young posed as the representative of wealthy investors who wanted to hire Patterson. Authorities say Young met Patterson at the airport in El Paso and brought him to the site where he was killed. Urick allegedly was waiting there for them, according to court testimony.

Patterson was tied up at gunpoint and then bludgeoned to death, investigators said.

Lisa Urick has been charged with misprision of a felony, or knowing of the plot and failing to tell authorities. She already is serving time on a state charge of interference with child custody.

Ms. Urick fled with her daughter in 1994, and was in hiding for almost two years before a private investigator Patterson had hired found her in Oregon.